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TAGS: CI PINT MILI PINS CASC

SUBJ: MIDNIGHT WRAPUP - SEP 11/12

REF: SANTIAGO 4125

1. SITUATION AT MIDNIGHT APPEARS STABILIZED. SOME FIRING HEARD IN LAST HOUR OR TWO, BUT CENTER CITY AROUND EMBASSY SILENT AND DESERTED EXCEPT FOR CARABINERO PATROLS. EASTER RESIDENTIAL AREAS, WHERE MOST AMCITS RESIDE, ALSO REPORTED QUIET. WE STILL HAVE NO REPORTS OF INJURIES OF AMCITS.

ARMED FORCES RADIO NET CONTINUES MUSIC INTERSPERSED WITH REPATS OF BULLETINS AND ORDERS.

2. MILITARY JUNTA HAS GONE TO SOME LENGTH TO JUSTIFY ITS ACTIONS TODAY. ITS EDICT NO. 5 (SANTIAGO 4107) LISTS FAMILIAR POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC COMPLAINTS AGAINST ALLENDE GOVT LONG VOICED BY OPPOSITION PARTIES AND PRESS, AS MORAL AND LEGAL BASIS FOR ARMED FORCES TO FULFILL MORAL RESPONSIBILITY CONFERRED ON THEM BY COUNTRY TO OVERTHROW GOVT WHICH HAD BECOME
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UNCONSTITUTIONAL. JUNTA CLAIMS IT ACTING WITH CLEAR SUPPORT

OF MAJORITY OF CHILEANS, "WHO ARE ANTI-MARXISTS."

3. JUNTA HAS SAID VERY LITTLE, HOWEVER, OF ITS INTENTIONS. SHORT STATEMENT PROMISED TO RETURN CHILE TO "INSTITUTIONAL NORMALITY" WHILE UNDERTAKING RECOVERY FROM ECONOMIC DISASTER, AND TO END VIOLENCE AND DANGER OF CIVIL WAR (SANTIAGO 4122). FINAL POINT THIS STATEMENT WAS VAGUE REASSURANCE TO WORKERS OF PRESERVATION OF THEIR GAINS OF PAST, A POINT WHICH HAS BEEN EMPHASIZED IN OTHER STATEMENTS. WE SEE A BLUNT "CARROT AND STICK" APPROACH BY MILITARY TOWARD WORKERS, WHO ARE TOLD THEY WILL NOT LOSE UNDER JUNTA, BUT IN SAME BREATH ARE WARNED THAT RESISTANCE WILL BE CRUSHED.

4. HARD IMAGE BEING PROJECTED BY MILITARY WITH DECLARATION

OF STATE OF SIEGE, RIGID CURFEW, THREATS, CENSORSHIP, EVIDENT WILLINGNESS USE HEAVY ARMS IN CENTER CROWDED CITY AND AGAINST POOR NEIGHBORHOODS (POBLACIONES), ALL COMBINE IN EFFORT CONVINCE UP SUPPORTERS THAT RESISTANCE FUTILE AND DANGEROUS. HEAVY BOMBARDMENT TO REDUCE MONEDA POLANCE AND TOMAS MORO RESIDENCE, WARNING THAT SIMILAR MEASURES WILL BE USED AGAINST UNCOOPERATIVE PUBLIC MEDIA, AND POSSIBLY ACTION TONIGHT IN INDUSTRIAL BELTS AGAINST EXTREMISTS, ALSO SUGGEST THAT JUNTA DETERMINED ACT FORCEFULLY, RAPIDLY AND DECISIVELY.

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